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Serial No.: 09/405,237 Group Art Unit: not yet assigned
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORWARDING DATA ON
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Applicant respectfully petitions that a filing date of September 23, 1999 be accorded to the above-identified application. The Petition fee of \$130.00 required under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Postcard Receipt received in the application, a copy of which is enclosed, has been stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with a filing date of September 24, 1999. The filing date of the application should be September 23, 1999, as shown in the originally filed application papers.

Enclosed are copies of the Application Transmittal Letter and New Application Transmittal filed with the application. As shown on their Certificates of Mailing, all application parts required for a filing date under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) were deposited with the United States Postal Service (USPS) "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on September 23, 1999. Therefore, under 37 CFR § 1.10, the filing date of the application should be September 23, 1999 and not September 24, 1999.

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In view of the date stamp on the Express Mail mailing label and the Certificates of Mailing on the application papers, the applicant respectfully petitions that a filing date of September 23, 1999 be accorded to the application. The applicant also requests that a new Filing Receipt showing the corrected filing date be issued.

In connection with the foregoing matter, please charge any additional fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 12-0448. A duplicate copy of this letter is provided for this purpose.

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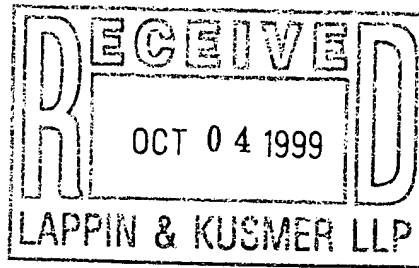
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